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**GOV. EASLEY APPOINTS THOMAS AS DISTRICT ATTORNEY FOR
CRAVEN, CARTERET AND PAMLICO COUNTIES**

Raleigh - Gov. Mike Easley today appointed Scott Thomas as District Attorney for Prosecutorial District 3B encompassing Craven, Carteret and Pamlico counties. Thomas fills the vacancy created by the retirement of David McFayden.

"During his tenure in the General Assembly, Scott Thomas was a strong advocate for victims of crime and sought to increase punishment for criminals," said Easley. "Now he will have the opportunity to enforce those laws as District Attorney. He will continue to serve the state well in his new position."

Thomas, a former State Senator, was the Chairman of the Justice & Public Safety Appropriations Committee and Vice Chairman of the Judiciary II Committee. He has served in the State Senate since 2000 with previous service in the N.C. House of Representatives for two years.

"Scott Thomas has an excellent record of service as a member of the N.C. General Assembly supporting law enforcement," said Carteret County Sheriff Ralph Thomas Jr. "I am confident the efforts of law enforcement and security concerns of our citizens will be taken very seriously in his new role as District Attorney."

Thomas, a native of Craven County, has worked in the criminal law field since 1993. He served as an Assistant District Attorney under David McFayden for a year before leaving for private practice. He was a partner in the law firm Chesnutt, Clemmons, Thomas & Peacock handling administrative hearings, misdemeanor and felony criminal cases.

Thomas received his undergraduate degree from East Carolina University in 1988 and his law degree from N.C. Central University School of Law in 1992.

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